

What is Required?

Foster parents must be able to provide a safe, loving and stable environment for the foster animal.

- One must have approval from all other family members or your landlord/roommates.
- Your existing pets must be currently vaccinated and licensed.
- Experience with animal behavioral or medical issues is a plus, but is not necessary; we will provide training and guidance.
- Foster parents must have common sense and patience, as well as be willing to nurse any injury and/or illness.
- Foster parents must be able to transport their foster animal to and from the ACS off site adoption events and to the veterinary clinic on campus as the need arises.



Lend a Paw!

For more information about and to register for the Foster Program contact:

City of San Antonio Animal Care Services
4710 State Highway 151
San Antonio, TX 78227
ACSrescue-foster@sanantonio.gov
210-207-6669



ACS Mission Statement

Animal Care Services is dedicated to making San Antonio a city in which every animal receives responsible care. Our Strategic Plan will help guide the community to achieve our "No Kill" goal.

The City of San Antonio is committed to enhancing our community's quality of life by providing both animal control and humane care for the animals in our shelter. This mission to protect pets and people involves providing shelter for lost and stray pets, medical care and vaccinations for incoming animals, increased enforcement and public education.

Animal Care Services supports efforts aimed at decreasing euthanasia and finding loving homes for our community's abandoned dogs and cats. Included are programs for:

- Low Cost Spay/Neuter
- Low Cost Vaccinations
- Adoptions
- Responsible Pet Ownership



All available
pets can be
seen on the
web at:
www.saacs.net



Fostering an Animal

Foster an Animal and Save a Life!

www.saacs.net



City of San Antonio
Animal Care Services
4710 State Highway 151
San Antonio, Texas 78227
210-207-4PET
www.saacs.net

What is Fostering

Foster volunteers provide temporary loving homes for healthy, friendly dogs and cats that need a little time and a lot of love to become perfect pets! By using a devoted foster volunteer network, we can help animals that would otherwise not get a second chance at finding a forever home. Our foster team is a very important part of the shelter!

Why Foster?

Foster families help save lives every time they open their homes and hearts to an animal in need. For every one animal in foster care, two lives are saved: the animal going into foster care, and the animal that takes his or her place.

It is simple: the more foster volunteers we have, the more lives we can save. Fostering is an extremely rewarding and wonderful experience for the entire family!

ACS Provides:

- Food, litter, bedding and basic supplies
- Veterinary care for up to two (2) months, additional care on case by case basis
- Training, behavioral and general foster support and advice.

The foster commitment depends on the age and circumstances of the pet that you decide to take in. It may be for just a few days or it might be for weeks. We find the average time in foster care is one month. We ask that fosters commit to taking care of their

guest until a forever home is found. While foster parents can adopt their foster animal, and are given first choice, we highly encourage fosters to stay in the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long do animals remain in the Foster Program?

It completely depends on the animal and situation. The average stay is about a month. However, some animals may stay only a few weeks; others recovering from an injury may stay much longer.

My yard doesn't have a fence! Can I still foster?

A yard is a nice to have, but many of the dogs we see at the shelter were "yard dogs." Dogs need focused physical activity, mental stimulation and socialization...the best way to do this is by walking or running on leash.



How much time each day is needed to foster?

Commitment and responsibilities depend on the individual animal and situation. Foster volunteers should be patient and willing to commit to the animal because our goal is to keep them in a stable, consistent, and loving environment.





How can I help my new visitor become more adoptable?

Our foster animals benefit greatly from exercise, special love and attention. Providing basic training and manners will increase their adoptability.

How Long is the Foster Commitment?

The foster commitment depends on the age and circumstances of the pet that you decide to take in. It may be for just a few days or it might be for weeks. We find the average time in foster care is one month. We ask that fosters commit to taking care of their guest until a forever home is found. While foster parents can adopt their foster animal, and are given first choice, we highly encourage fosters to stay in the program.

Who is in Need of Fostering?

-  Foster animals that are not adoption ready (i.e. too young or recovering from injury)
-  Nursing mothers and litters
-  A dog or cat that needs socialization and tender loving care.
-  Any healthy, friendly animal to relieve crowding in the kennels, and to make space for the many more in need.



**For more information
on fostering an animal
call 210-207-6669.**

